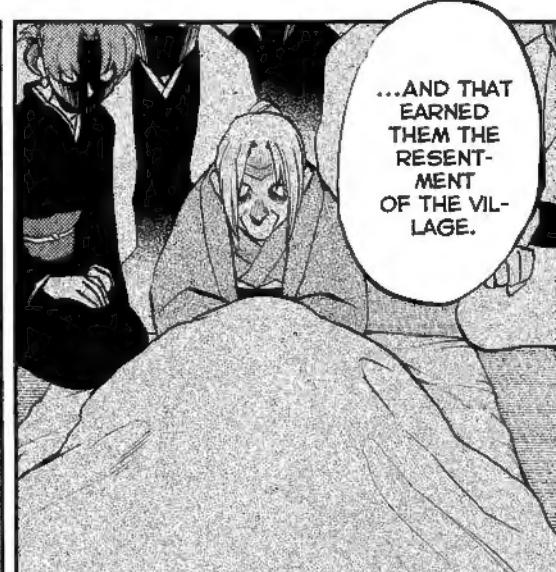


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MY PARENTS WERE
SUPPORTERS OF THE
DAM CONSTRUCTION
PROJECT...



HOUJOUS
ARE THE
ENEMY,
CURSE
THEM!

MAKE AN
EXAMPLE OF
THEM...

FOR
YEARS...

...THE VILLAGE
WOULD IGNORE
US, AND TALK
ABOUT US BEHIND
OUR BACKS...

THOSE
DAMNED
HOUYOU
KIDS!

THAT'S
WHAT THEIR
FAMILY IS
LIKE...

I WAS ABLE TO
GET THROUGH IT
BECAUSE UNCLE
SATOSHI AND THE
OTHER CLUB MEM-
BERS WERE THERE
FOR ME...

BUT THOSE
WERE VERY
PAINFUL DAYS.

TRAITORS.

EVEN WHEN I WAS
TOGETHER WITH
RIKA, THERE WAS
A CLEAR DIFFER-
ENCE IN HOW EV-
ERYONE TREATED
ME.

THEY'VE
ANGERED
OYA-
SHIRO-
SAMA.

.....WH?

EVER-
BODY IN
HINAMIZA-
WA...?

EV-
ERY-
ONE
...?
EVEN
GRAND-
PA AND
GRAND-
MA...?



YOUR FATHER
WENT TO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL
BACK THEN,
SO HE WASN'T INVOLVED...

WHAT THE
HELL! WHAT
WAS DAD
DOING
BACK
THEN?!

YOU...
YOU GOTTA BE
KIDDING
ME...!!

...BEING
THAT HE HAS
A STRONG
SENSE OF
JUSTICE.

BUT IF HE HAD ATTENDED THE BRANCH
SCHOOL BACK THEN,
MAYBE HE WOULD'VE STOOD UP FOR ME...

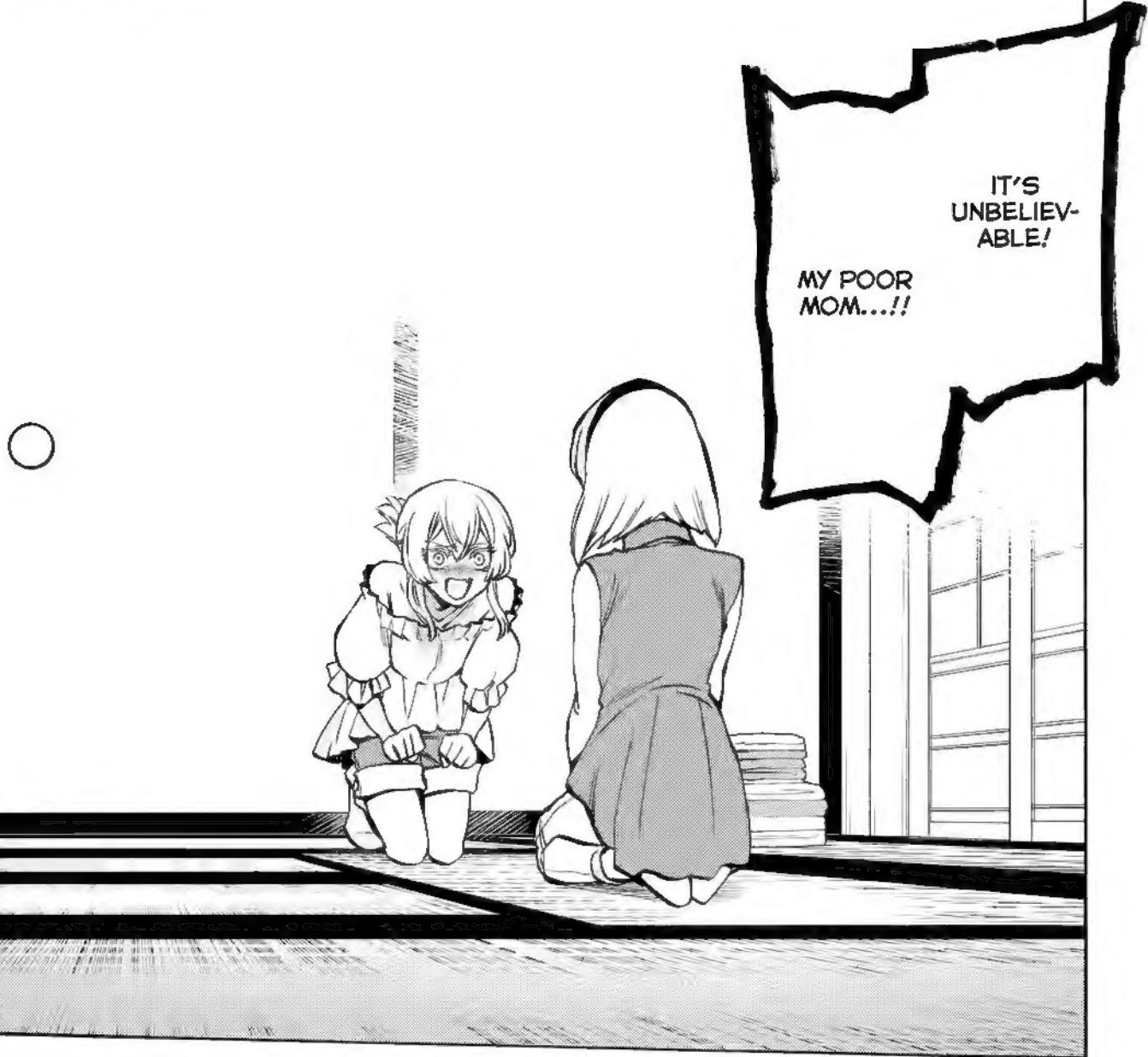
WHY WOULD YOU
HAVE TO SUFFER
THROUGH THAT...?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE
IT...!!

YOU
NEVER DID
ANYTHING
WRONG...!

MOM,
WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING...?
?

WHAT
IS
THIS?

WH...
WHAT
THE
HELL?





SAKIKO,

THANK YOU FOR
GETTING MAD FOR
MY SAKE...

SO,
PLEASE...

YOU HAVE THE GOOD-
WILL TO BE CONSIDER-
ATE OF OTHERS.

...THE SAME COM-
PASSION THAT YOU
SHOWED OVER MY
PAST.

...I WANT YOU TO
SHOW THE PEOPLE
OF POLARIS...

THOSE ARE THE
EXACT SAME REA-
SONS THE VILLAGE
USED TO JUSTIFY
BULLYING ME BACK
THEN.

"BECAUSE
EVERYONE IS
DOING IT."

"BECAUSE
WE HATE
THEM."

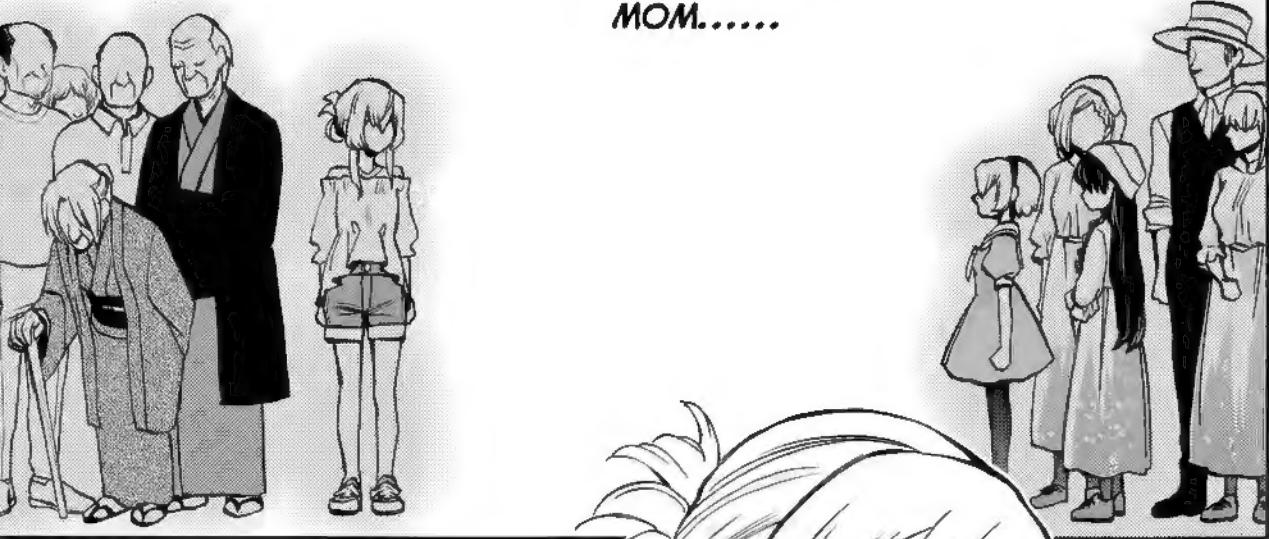
...THERE'S NO
GOOD REASON
FOR HARASSING
ANYONE.

NO MATTER
WHO THEY
ARE...

I... I...



I'M ACTING
JUST LIKE THE
PEOPLE WHO
TORMENTED
MOM.....



I'M NOT
SAYING YOU
HAVE TO LIKE
POLARIS!
YOU'RE FREE
TO FEEL HOW
YOU DO.

YOU CAN'T
FORCE
YOURSELF
TO LIKE
SOMETHING
THAT YOU
DISLIKE.



YOU ARE THE ONE GETTING TOO CLOSE WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING IT, SAKIKO.

IF YOU DON'T THINK YOU CAN MESH WITH SOMEONE, SIMPLY... KEEP YOUR DISTANCE...

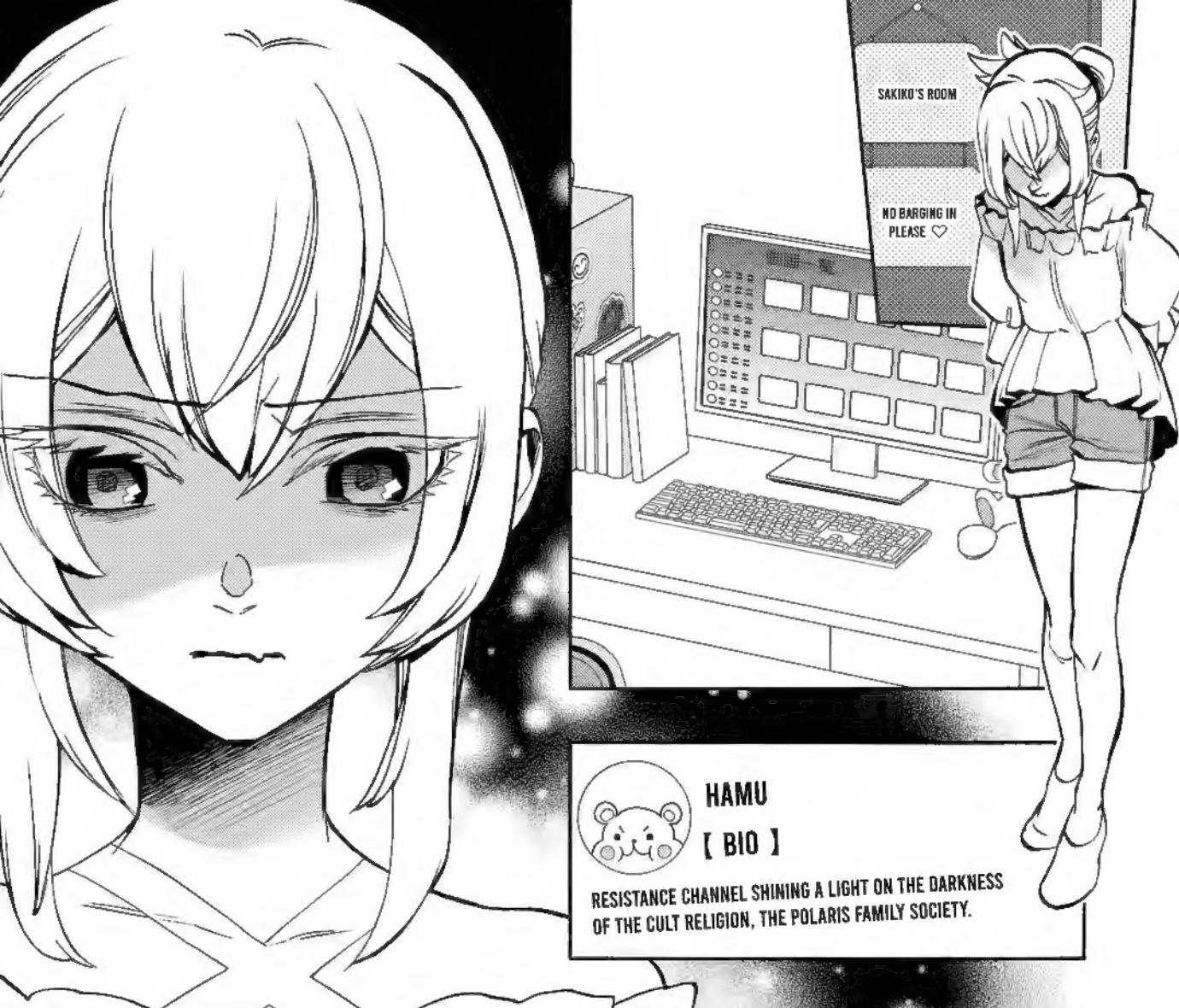
KEI-CHI-SAN SAID AS MUCH YESTERDAY, DID HE NOT?

BUT YOU CAN CHOOSE HOW YOU ACT...

SO PLEASE.
..

TRY TO FIND THE APPROPRIATE DISTANCE TO KEEP SO YOU WON'T MAKE YOURSELF UNCOMFORTABLE.

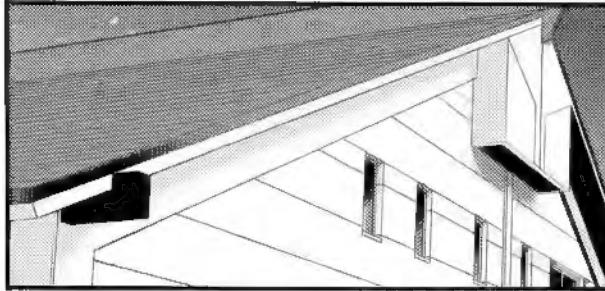




YES



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...I SEE, SO
SAKIKO
WAS THE
ONE
MAKING
THOSE
SLANDER
VIDEOS...



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